

STATE OF CALIFORNIA BUSINESS, TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING AGENCY

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The below list represents evidence of the qualifying areas of the State of California for High Unemployment Area certification that have experienced an average unemployment rate of 150 percent of the national average rate for the 2010 full calendar year.

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QUALIFYING HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT AREAS For EB-5 Visa Program Lower Investment Threshold

Unemployment Rate 14.40% or greater

(National unemployment rate of 9.6%)

Source of Unemployment Statistics

California Employment Development Department
Labor Market Information Division
Local Area Unemployment Statistics
2010 Annual Average Unemployment Rates

Method of Obtaining Unemployment Statistics

In accordance with 8 Code of Federal Regulations §204.6(i), the California Employment Development Department (EDD) has been designated to identify the cities, counties, metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs), and census designated places that meet the "high unemployment" definition and therefore qualify for the \$500,000 minimum investment threshold. To maintain consistency, the federal government has mandated that the labor force and unemployment estimates used to determine of areas meet the "high unemployment" definition should use methodology developed by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). The description of the overall methodology and the census-share method utilized by EDD to produce estimates for sub-Labor Market Areas can be found on the Internet at the BLS web site: http://www.bls.gov/lau/laumthd.htm

IMMIGRATION ACT OF 1990 FOREIGN INVESTOR PROVISIONS

QUALIFYING AREAS HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT AREAS (TEA) (Unemployment Rate 14.40% or greater)

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METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS (MSA) (BOLD IF QUALIFYING)	COUNTIES COVERED (BOLD IF QUALIFYING)	QUALIFYING CITIES and CENSUS DESIGNATED PLACES	RATE
Bakersfield	Kern		15.89%
Chico	Butte		
		Biggs city	18.52%
		Concow CDP	17.83%
		Gridley city	30.51%
		Magalia CDP	15.79%
		Oroville city	19.36%
		Palermo CDP	20.66%
		South Oroville CDP	23.67%
		Thermalito CDP	26.72%
El Centro	Imperial		27.65%
Fresno	Fresno		16.79%
Hanford-Corcoran	Kings		16.51%
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Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale	Los Angeles		
		Baldwin Park city	15.69%
		Bell city	16.63%
		Bell Gardens city	19.84%
		Commerce city	23.32%
		Compton city	21.18%
		Cudahy city	17.45%
		Desert View Highlands CDP	17.09%
		East Compton CDP	22.39%
		East Los Angeles CDP	17.69%
		El Monte city	15.54%
		Florence-Graham CDP	24.62%
		Hawthorne city	16.34%
		Huntington Park city	18.66%
		Industry city	22.26%
		Inglewood city	15.74%
		La Puente city	14.80%
		Lake Los Angeles CDP	18.70%
		Lancaster city	17.62%
		Lennox CDP	16.74%
		Littlerock CDP	18.31%
		Lynwood city	19.71%
		Maywood city	18.21%
		Palmdale city	15.61%

Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale	Los Angeles	Paramount city	18.26%
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale	LUS Allgeles	South El Monte city	15.99%
		South Gate city	16.04%
		South San Jose Hills CDP	15.51%
		Valinda CDP	17.19%
		Walnut Park CDP	16.56%
		West Compton CDP	20.31%
		Westmont CDP	24.58%
		Willowbrook CDP	20.62%
Madera	Madera		15.57%
Merced	Merced		18.90%
Modesto	Stanislaus		17.42%
Napa	Napa		
-1	- 1	American Canyon city	15.49%
Oakland-Fremont-Hayward	Alameda		
,		Cherryland CDP	16.27%
		Oakland city	16.95%
	Contra Costa	Bay Point CDP	21.51%
		Bayview-Montalvin CDP	20.90%
		Bethel Island CDP	20.97%
		Crockett CDP	21.82%
		Knightsen CDP	22.98%
		Pittsburg city	17.56%
		Richmond city	17.93%
		Rodeo CDP	15.97%
		Rollingwood CDP	24.15%
		San Pablo city	21.92%
		Vine Hill CDP	16.20%
Oxnard-Thousand Oaks-Ventura	Ventura		
		Fillmore city	14.81%
		Oak View CDP	14.43%
		Oxnard city	14.59%
		Piru CDP	18.61%
		Santa Paula city	17.60%
Redding	Shasta		16.01%
Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario	Riverside		14.49%
Sacramento-Arden-Arcade-Roseville	El Dorado		
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		Georgetown CDP	20.30%
		Placerville city	18.43%
		Pollock Pines CDP	14.76%
		South Lake Tahoe city	17.04%
	Sacramento		
		Florin CDP	19.74%
		Foothill Farms CDP	17.30%
		Galt city	20.42%
		Isleton city	16.80%
		North Highlands CDP	19.60%
		Parkway-South Sacramento CDP	22.00%
		Rancho Cordova city	14.60%

Sacramento-Arden-Arcade-Rosevil	le Sacramento	Rio Linda CDP	19.83%
		Sacramento city	14.92%
		Walnut Grove CDP	30.06%
	Placer		
		Colfax city	16.18%
		Foresthill CDP	18.63%
		Lincoln city	20.22%
		Tahoe Vista CDP	18.68%
	Yolo		
		West Sacramento city	19.71%
		Winters city	14.70%
		Woodland city	15.21%
Salinas	Monterey		
		Castroville CDP	23.74%
		Chualar CDP	31.61%
		Gonzales city	23.87%
		Greenfield city	19.65%
		King City city	21.10%
		Las Lomas CDP	26.59%
		Moss Landing CDP	27.39%
		Salinas city	17.80%
		San Ardo CDP	28.37%
		San Lucas CDP	25.35%
		Soledad city	16.17%
San Diego-Carlsbad-San Marco	s San Diego		
		Imperial Beach city	16.72%
		National City city	19.93%
San Fran-San Mateo-Redwood City	/ Marin		
	,	Muir Beach CDP	14.78%
		Tomales CDP	22.11%
	San Francisco		
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	San Mateo	Brisbane city	15.32%
		East Palo Alto city	20.44%
		North Fair Oaks CDP	18.02%
Con Jose Cumpundo Conto Clara	Santa Clara		
San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara	Santa Ciara	Alum Rock CDP	14.58%
		Buena Vista CDP	22.69%
		Cambrian Park CDP	17.15%
		Gilroy city	16.51%
		San Martin CDP	25.21%
		Sunol-Midtown CDP	16.89%
	San Benito		17.56%
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San Luis Obispo-Paso Robles	San Luis Ohispo		
San Luis Obispo-Paso Robles	San Luis Obispo	Oceano CDP	18.64%
	Obispo	Oceano CDP	18.64%
San Luis Obispo-Paso Robles Santa Ana-Anaheim-Irvine		Oceano CDP Santa Ana city	18.64%

Santa Barbara-Santa Maria-Goleta	Santa Barbara		
		Guadalupe city	15.81%
		Lompoc city	16.30%
		Santa Maria city	14.48%
		Vandenberg AFB CDP	14.74%
Santa Cruz-Watsonville	Santa Cruz		
		Amesti CDP	22.57%
		Boulder Creek CDP	14.69%
		Freedom CDP	22.44%
		Interlaken CDP	26.06%
		Watsonville city	26.05%
Santa Rosa-Petaluma	Sonoma		
		Cloverdale city	15.72%
		Fetters Hot Springs-Agua Caliente CDP	15.61%
		Guerneville CDP	19.76%
		Monte Rio CDP	21.80%
		Occidental CDP	15.59%
		Roseland CDP	20.15%
Stockton	San Joaquin		17.33%
Vallejo-Fairfield	Solano		
		Elmira CDP	26.29%
		Vallejo city	14.74%
Visalia-Porterville	Tulare		16.84%
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Yuba City			19.53%
	Sutter		19.78%
	Yuba		19.15%

A RURAL AREA IS DEFINED IN THE IMMIGRATION ACT OF 1990 AS "ANY AREA OTHER THAN AN AREA WITHIN A METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA OR THE OUTER BOUNDARY OF ANY TOWN HAVING A POPULATION OF 20,000 OR MORE."

QUALIFYING RURAL AREAS
Alpine
Amador
Calaveras
Colusa
Del Norte
Glenn
Humboldt*
Inyo
Lake
Lassen
Mariposa
Mendocino
Modoc
Mono
Nevada
Plumas
Sierra
Siskiyou
Tehama
Trinity
Tuolumne

^{*} All cities and towns in Humboldt County qualify, except Eureka.